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1. AT IA NEGOTIATIONS MEETING JULY 3, 1974, DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON ARTICLE 7 (CHANGES) COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS IA (C-E) BOGGING DOWN ON ISSUE OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON "CHANGES NOT AFFECTING PURPOSE, NATURE, AND ACTIVITIES OF C-E SYSTEMS, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT.

2. TURKS CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR U.S. AGREEMENT TO DRAWING UP LIST OF EXAMPLES OF NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND OFFERED TO HAVE TGS C-E EXPERTS SUBMIT SUCH A LIST TO JUSMMAT. U.S. COUNTER-PROPOSED TWO-
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FOLD LIST WITH EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT AS WELL AS NON-SIGNIFICANT

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CHANGES AND OFFERED TO SUBMIT LIST OF EXAMPLES SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EXCHANGE FOR TURKISH LIST ON NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

3. AS DISCUSSION CONTINUED IT BECAME CLEAR THAT TURKS HAD IN MIND AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LIST OF NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, REGARDLESS OF ITS TITLE. AT FIRST THEY ATTEMPTED TURN OF U.S. IDEA OF EXEMPLARY LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BY SAYING IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT TO DRAW UP WITHOUT LONG DELAY. WHEN PRESSED FOR REAL REASON FOR THIER RESISTANCE TURKS ADMITTED THAT THEY SAW LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AS UNDULY LIMITING THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO KNOW EVERYTHING GOING ON IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND TO JOINTLY DETERMINE WITH U.S., EFFECT OF ALL CHANGES PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID CHANGES. EXEMPLARY LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE SUCH CHANGES HAD TO BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BY TURKS.

4. U.S. POINTED OUT THAT TURKS WERE ARGUING ABOUT CONCRETE PROBLEM IN ABSTRACT TERMS, AND THAT IF ARGUMENT WAS TO TURN ON PRINCIPLE THEN DCA SHOULD APPLY, WHICH REQUIRED PRIOR NOTIFICATION BY U.S. ONLY ON CHANGES AFFECTING PURPOSE, NATURE AND ACTIVITIES. WE NOTED U.S. HAD CONCEDED TO TURKISH DESIRES FOR SPECIAL MEASURES BEYONG DCA IN LANGUAGE C-E IN RECOGNITION OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN C-E OPERATIONS. IF DISCUSSION RETURNED TO QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE, WE WOULD HAVE TO ADHERE TO DCA.

5. TURKISH CHAIRMAN ASULA PROPOSED DELETION OF MODIFIES, "ALL SIGNIFICANT" BEFORE "CHANGES" IN SECOND SENTENCE MAIN TEXT AND AGREED MINUTE WHICH HE CLAIMED WOULD ALLOW DEFERRAL OF DRAWING UP LIST NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES UNTIL LATER, ARGUING THAT U.S. ALREADY NOTIFIED TURKISH AUTHORITIES ON ALL CHANGES IN ADVANCE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HE REITERATED ASSURANCE THAT TURKS HAD NO INTENTION APPLYING PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO OTHER IAS.

6. U.S. REJECTED TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR DELETION, NOTING THAT LANGUAGE WOULD THEN CLEARLY REQUIRE U.S. TO GIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON ALL CHANGES NO MATTER HOW SMALL OR INSIGNIFICANT.

7. BOTH SIDES NOTED DISAGREEMENT ON CHARACTER OF LISTS TO BE DRAWN UP AND AGREED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION FURTHER.

8. COMMENT: WE HAVE YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TURKISH CHAIRMAN
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ASULA'S EFFORTS TO GET US TO ACCEPT HIS LANGUAGE WITH ASSURANCE THAT IT REALLY DOESN'T MEAN WHAT IT SAYS. IN SPITE OF ASULA'S REPEATED DENIALS OF ANY INTENTION TO APPLY PRIOR NOTIFICATION PRINCIPLE TO ALL IAS, TURKISH SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHANGES AND CONSTRUCTION (FOR ALL U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES) IS ATTEMPTING JUST THAT IN ITS DRAFT PROCEDURE WHICH CALLS FOR U.S. TO NOTIFY IN ADVANCE OF ALL CHANGES, TO ALLOW TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO MAKE OWN DETERMINATION OF EFFECT OF CHANGE.

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